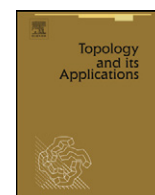


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Preface

The Fifth Joint Meeting Japan–Mexico in Topology and its Applications was held at the Department of Mathematics of Colima University, Colima, México, from 27th of October to the first of September, 2010.

As we have done in previous conferences, the academic program of this international meeting covered the following branches of Topology: Algebraic Topology, Continuum Theory, Geometric Topology, Knot Theory, Set-Theoretic Topology and Symplectic Topology. A special session of Set-Theory was also considered. The conference was attended by nearly 160 participants from several countries, mainly Japan and México. The program included 10 plenary lectures and 126 talks divided in parallel sessions.

Organizing Committee:

- *Chair:* S. García-Ferreira and A. Kono.
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